

containing, in chronological order, all the documents pertinent to the case along with a request for decertification stating the grounds therefor. One copy shall be retained. Two shall be sent to the ETA national office, one shall be sent to the Solicitor of Labor, Attention: Associate Solicitor for Employment and Training, and, if the case involves violations of regulations governing services to MSFWs or the complaint system, one copy shall be sent to the National MSFW Monitor Advocate. The notice sent by the Regional Administrator shall be published promptly in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 658.705 Decision to decertify.

(a) Within 30 working days of receiving a request for decertification, the Assistant Secretary for ETA shall review the case and shall decide whether to proceed with decertification.

(b) The Assistant Secretary shall grant the request for decertification unless he/she makes a finding that (1) the violations of JS regulations are neither serious nor continual; (2) the State agency is in compliance; or (3) the Assistant Secretary has reason to believe that the State agency will achieve compliance within 80 working days unless exceptional circumstances necessitate a longer time period, pursuant to the remedial action already applied or to be applied. (In the event the Assistant Secretary does not have sufficient information to act upon the request, he/she may postpone the determination for up to an additional 20 working days in order to obtain any available additional information.) In making a determination of whether violations are “serious” or “continual,” as required by this subsection, the Assistant Secretary shall consider:

(i) Statewide or multiple deficiencies as shown by performance data and/or on-site reviews;

(ii) Recurrent violations, even if they do not persist over consecutive reporting periods, and

(iii) The good faith efforts of the State to achieve full compliance with JS regulations as shown by the record.

(c) If the Assistant Secretary denies a request for decertification, he/she

shall write a complete report documenting his/her findings and, if appropriate, instructing that an alternate remedial action or actions be applied. Copies of the report shall be sent to the Regional Administrator. Notice of the Assistant Secretary’s decision shall be published promptly in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and the report of the Assistant Secretary shall be made available for public inspection and copying.

(d) If the Assistant Secretary decides that decertification is appropriate, he/she shall submit the case to the Secretary providing written explanation for his/her recommendation of decertification.

(e) Within 30 working days after receiving the report of the Assistant Secretary, the Secretary shall determine whether to decertify the State agency. The Secretary shall grant the request for decertification unless he/she makes one of the three findings set forth in § 658.705(b). If the Secretary decides not to decertify, he/she shall then instruct that remedial action be continued or that alternate actions be applied. The Secretary shall write a report explaining his/her reasons for not decertifying the State agency and copies will be sent to the State agency. Notice of the Secretary’s decision shall be published promptly in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and the report of the Secretary shall be made available for public inspection and copy.

(f) Where either the Assistant Secretary or the Secretary denies a request for decertification and order further remedial action, the Regional Administrator shall continue to monitor the State agency’s compliance. If the agency achieves compliance within the time period established pursuant to § 658.705(b), the Regional Administrator shall terminate the remedial actions. If the State agency fails to achieve full compliance within that time period after the Secretary’s decision not to decertify, the Regional Administrator shall submit a report of his/her findings to the Assistant Secretary who shall reconsider the request for decertification pursuant to the requirements of § 658.705(b).